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Dear Mr. Naventi:

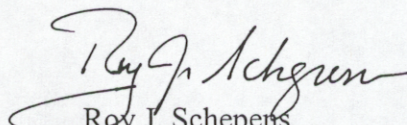
CONTRACT NO. DE-AC27-01RV14136 – SUSPENSION OF AUTHORIZATION BASIS  
AMENDMENT REQUEST (ABAR) 24590-WTP-ABAR-ENS-02-014, REVISION 0,  
"ADOPTION OF NFPA 801-2003 AND REMOVAL OF FIRE PROTECTION TAILORING  
FROM THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT (SRD)"

Reference: BNI letter from R. F. Naventi to R. J. Schepens, ORP, "Transmittal for Approval:  
Authorization Basis Amendment Request 24590-WTP-ABAR-ENS-02-006,  
Revision 0, *Update Safety Requirements Document Volume II, Safety Criterion  
5.4-10* and 24590-WTP-ABAR-ENS-02-014, *Adoption of NFPA 801-2003 and  
Removal of Fire Protection Tailoring from the Safety Requirements Document*,"  
CCN-048862, dated January 24, 2003.

This letter notifies Bechtel National, Inc. (BNI) that at its request, the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP) has suspended its review of the subject ABAR, submitted by the Reference, for adoption of the requirements of NFPA 801-2003 as an implementing code and standard for SRD Safety Criteria 5.4. BNI has advised ORP it is re-evaluating the tailoring of NFPA 801-2003, as described in the ABAR, and has not determined when the modified ABAR will be resubmitted for ORP review and approval.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may call Walter J. Pasciak, WTP Safety Regulation Division, (509) 373-9189.

Sincerely,

  
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